

Trail Use Change Process

Request for change submitted to District

Request received by a park unit for a change, deletion or additional use on an existing trail.

Evaluation and Trail Log Prepared

An evaluation of the trail will take place by qualified staff and performing a trail inspection taking into account circulation, safety, trail sustainability, soils and geologic conditions, impacts to the resources and the park operations. A detailed trail log will be developed taking into consideration these criteria.

Trail Use Change Survey Completed

With a detailed evaluation, a "Trail Use Change Survey" will be completed with representatives from Visitor Services, Technical Services, Natural and Cultural Services, Defensive Planning and Park Management giving input.

Construction Work Log Prepared

A Construction Work Log will be prepared based on the recommended physical trail modifications needed to accommodate the change in use.

Project Evaluation Form and CEQA

When a trail is opened to additional use types some form of modification will be necessary to accommodate that change. Trail modifications will require a Project Evaluation Form (PEF) and CEQA compliance. The PEF will record the Park Unit's decision of the change in use. All change in use evaluations will have an accompanying PEF document which may require the filing of a Categorical Exemption with the State Clearing House.

Recommendation by Evaluation Team

With the completion of a "Trail Use Change Survey" there will be a recommendation of allowing the change in use, not allowing the change in use, conditional approval pending modification of the existing trail or rerouting of the existing trail or recommendation of a Unit Road and Trail Management Plan.

Categorical Exemption
Required for
Change in Use

Gather input from
local trail user
groups or Local Trail
Advisory Committee

MND Required for
Change in Use

EIR Required for
Change in Use

Additional
Studies Required

- Unit Road & Trail Management Plan
- Trail Reroute
- Trail Tread Modifications

No Project

Construction Cost Estimate Prepared

A construction cost estimate will be prepared from the Construction Work Log to establish budgetary costs for the implementation of the trail use designation change.

Work Plan Developed

A work plan will be prepared that incorporates all aspects of project implementation including trail modifications, permits and workforce plan.

Project Implementation

Project implementation includes not only trail modifications but also the future plans for any needed enforcement, patrol development and user education program plans.

